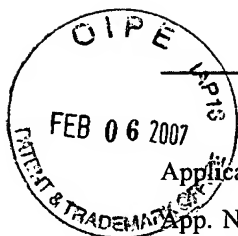


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Applicant(s) : Masaaki Matsutani et al.
App. No. : 10/694,327
Filed : October 27, 2003
For : BLOOD VESSEL KNIFE
Art Unit : 3731
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Yasuo Muramatsu
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the office action in the above-identified utility application.

() An extension of time to respond for one month(s) is hereby requested.

Time Extension Fee:

- ☐ one month(\$60 small entity)
- ☐ two months(\$225 small entity)
- ☐ three months (\$510 small entity)

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Request for correction of inventorship.
- ☒ Statement by the inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)
- ☒ Assignee's consent under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)
- ☒ Declaration executed by each inventor.
- ☒ Check of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i).
- ☒ Return prepaid postcard.

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTING THE INVENTORSHIP

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is to request for changing inventor in which an inventor, Yoshihiko Mochizuki, is added to the above-identified patent application. Statement by the inventor to be added and Assignee's consent under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a) and a new declaration are submitted concurrently herewith. The processing fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is also submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

MURAMATSU & ASSOCIATES

Dated: 1/31/07

By: Yasuo Muramatsu

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I, Yoshihiko Mochizuki, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 880 Kita-Kobayashi, Mibu-machi, Shimotsuga-gun, Tochigi, 321-0293 Japan, and declare as follows:

That I am one of the inventors in the above-identified instant application No. 10/694,327 entitled "BLOOD VESSEL KNIFE", and filed October 27, 2003;

That the instant case, application No. 10/694,327, is originated from the Japanese patent application No. 2002-317310 filed in Japan on October 30, 2002, claiming the foreign filing priority under 35 U.S.C. 119;

That at the time of filing the Japanese patent application No. 2002-317310, my name, Yoshihiko Mochizuki, was not included in the application form through a clerical error without any deceptive

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intention;

That the error in the Japanese patent application was unaware at the time of filing the instant case, U.S. patent application No. 10/694,327, with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, through unintentional oversight, thereby incorporating the same error in the instant case.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

Yoshihiko Mochizuki

Yoshihiko Mochizuki
880 Kita-Kobayashi, Mibu-machi
Shimotsuga-gun, Tochigi
321-0293 Japan

Dec. 12. 2006

Date

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **BLOOD VESSEL KNIFE**; an application for a letter of patent is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 27, 2003 and the assigned application number of which is: 10/694,327;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Priority
Claimed

No.: **2002-317310** Country: **Japan** Date Filed: **Oct. 31, 2002** Yes

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the following agents and/or attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith (if this application is assigned, I acknowledge that the appointed individuals do not represent me, and that instead they represent the assignee): Yasuo Muramatsu, Registration No. 38,684, and Hideki Muramatsu, Registration No. 45,577.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Full name of **first** inventor: **Yoshihiko Mochizuki**

Signature Yoshihiko Mochizuki, Date Dec. 20, 2006

Residence: 880 Kita-Kobayashi, Mibu-machi, Shimotsuga-gun,
Tochigi, 321-0293 JAPAN

Post Office Address: Same as above

Full name of **second** inventor: **Masaaki Matsutani**

Signature 松谷正明, Date Dec. 22, 2006

Residence: 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun,
Tochigi, 329-1234 JAPAN

Post Office Address: Same as above

Full name of **third** inventor: **Masatoshi Fukuda**

Signature 福田正俊, Date Dec. 12, 2006

Residence: 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun,
Tochigi, 329-1234 JAPAN

Post Office Address: Same as above

Full name of **fourth** inventor: **Maeko Sasanuma**

Signature Maeko Sasanuma, Date Dec. 22, 2006

Residence: 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun,
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ASSIGNEE'S CONSENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee") for the U.S. patent application identified above. In the above-identified application, Assignment to the assignee has been recorded by the Assignment Branch of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2004, at Reel/Frame 015172/0170. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventors to the Assignee. I have reviewed this Assignment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Assignee is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in this patent application.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable

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by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of he application, or any patent issuing thereon.

The undersigned hereby **consents to add "Yoshihiko Mochizuki" as a true inventor** in the instant U.S. patent application No. 10/694,327 in addition to the original named three inventors.

Assignee; MANI, Inc.

Dated:

By: 

Kanji Matsutani

Title: President

Address: 8-3 Kiyohara Industrial
Park, Utsunomiya,
Tochigi, 321-3231 Japan

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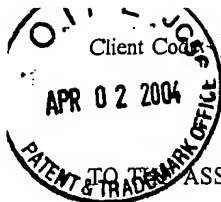
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y thereof.

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Please

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- (1) Masaaki Matsutani
- (2) Masatoshi Fukuda
- (3) Maeko Matsutani

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

() Yes (X) No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: MANI, Inc.

Address: 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun, Tochigi, 329-1234 Japan

Additional name(s) of receiving party(ies) attached?

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Name: Yasuo Muramatsu

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Internal Address: Suite 225

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct, and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Yasuo Muramatsu

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Masaaki Matsutani, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun, Tochigi, 329-1234 Japan, Masatoshi Fukuda, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun, Tochigi, 329-1234 Japan, and Maeko Matsutani, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun, Tochigi, 329-1234 Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **BLOOD VESSEL KNIFE**; an application for a letter of patent is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 27, 2003 and the assigned application number of which is: 10/694,327;

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AND WHEREAS, MANI, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Japanese corporation, with its principal place of business at 743 Oh-aza Nakaakutsu, Takanezawa-machi, Shioya-gun, Tochigi, 329-1234 Japan, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in the receipt of valuable consideration which is hereby acknowledged, We, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that We have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that We will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

This 19 day of Dec. 2003

松谷正明
Masaaki Matsutani

This 19 day of Dec. 2003

福田正俊
Masatoshi Fukuda

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